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SUBJECT: MACEACHEN'S RESPONSE ON ICNAF

ON APRIL 30, THE CANADIAN EMBASSY DELIVERED TO THE
DEPARTMENT A LETTER FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
MACEACHEN RESPONDING TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER OF APRIL 23
REGARDING THE ICNAF MEETING. TEXT OF MACEACHEN LETTER
FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT--

DEAR HENRY,

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23 INDICATING
THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN
ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ICNAF IF IT IS HELD IN
HAVANA AS PLANNED. I FULLY APPRECIATE YOUR FRANKNESS

IN MENTIONING THIS PROBLEM AND TELLING ME OF THE
EMBARRASSMENT THAT WOULD RESULT FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT
FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING.

IT IS CLEAR FROM MY LETTER OF APRIL 28 AND YOUR
LETTER OF APRIL 23 THAT WE BOTH REGARD THIS MEET-
ING AS A CRUCIAL ONE. THE JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES
THAT ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN THE ICNAF AREA IN THE
1977 FISHING SEASON MAKE IT VITAL THAT THE PRINCIPAL

COASTAL STATES IN ICNAF BE REPRESENTED. WE ARE
THEREFORE VERY CONCERNED AT THE PROSPECT THAT THE
UNITED STATES MAY DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND THE HAVANA
MEETING. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUES
AT STAKE, I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE
FOR YOUR DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE AS PLANNED.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE HEAD
OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION HAS APPROACHED MR. BEESLEY,
ALTERNATE HEAD OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT UNCLOS,
AND VOLUNTEERED THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO AVOID ANY
EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES
ARISING FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICNAF MEET-
ING AND SAID ALSO THAT HIS CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES
ON THIS POINT SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE
JUNE MEETING, IT IS OF COURSE MOST IMPORTANT THAT
ARRANGMENTS BE FINALIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN
ORDER TO FURTHER THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF
OUR COMMON FISHERIES OBJECTIVES AT THAT MEETING.

. BEST WISHES,

. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN.

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